

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF

MARCH 8 – MARCH 15

Sunday, March 8	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School for all Ages New Member Class
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time/WaYouth Choir
Monday, March 9	1:00 – 3:30 P.M.	Middler WaYouth
	12:30 P.M.	Confirmation/Commissioning Class
	NOON	Trustees
Wednesday, March 11	7:00 P.M.	MEDS
	7:30 P.M.	Outreach Meeting
	4:00 P.M.	WOW – No Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 P.M.	Primary Choir
	6:00 P.M.	Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, March 12	6:45 P.M.	Adult Bible Study
	7:30 P.M.	Session Meeting
	NOON	Martha Circle
	12:05 P.M.	Lenten Service/Luncheon
	7:15 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 14	9:00 A.M. - NOON	Second Saturday Work Project
Sunday, March 15	12:30 P.M.	Lunch Bunch to Joe Root's Restaurant
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	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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	12:30 P.M.	Confirmation/Commissioning Class
5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal Senior High WaYouth	

MARTHA CIRCLE

Members of Martha Circle will attend the Lenten Service and Luncheon at noon on Thursday, March 12th followed by their meeting.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

It is Wayside's turn to host the community Lenten services and lunches. Service begins at noon each Thursday throughout the season, with a light lunch following at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$4. The Rev. Frank Hodges, Pastor of Weis Library United Methodist Church, will bring the message while members of his congregation prepare and serve the meal this Thursday, March 12th.

WOMENS'RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women will host the Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 21 from 9 to 3:30. The theme is "The Friendship of Women: A Spiritual Tradition" with Sr. Carolyn Gorny, OSB. Sr. Carolyn uses Joan Chittister's book of the same name as the basis for an exploration of spirituality and friendship and the question of what exactly is a friend? Is friendship a necessary good or a social filler? Is friendship spiritual? This year the Retreat will be held at 51 Stephany Road in Fairview (just past Rte.98 on West Lake Road). We encourage women to carpool for easier parking. Those with extra time are welcome to stay until 5:00 to enjoy company, conversation and a natural setting! The cost for the day is \$25 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. To make reservations, sign up in the church lobby or call Alice Edwards 833-0731.

STAMP OUT HUNGER EVENT

Join us on Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for this worthwhile event. Debbie Peterson will be giving us tips on "light" suppers. Please bring your appetite, a dollar contribution and a canned good item, which will be given to the Millcreek Food Pantry.

LOST AND FOUND

There are a variety of items that have been left unclaimed throughout the church. They are located on a table next to the Information Table.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Throughout Lent, we continue our participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special denominational offerings. All proceeds are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Self-Development of People program. Your offering can be made anytime up through Easter. Please use the special envelopes.

HELP FOR SOME OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

In the next few weeks the International Institute will welcome nine families of the Karin tribe in Myanmar (formerly Burma) to our community. These children of God will arrive with only basic clothing and personal items, so the Institute has asked if we could help provide for some of their other needs. A flyer with the complete list of items needed is available on the Information Table. It includes everything from household goods to furniture to school uniforms. Please check the list and bring items in to the church by Tuesday, March 10th.

CANCER ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

Sharon Riley is beginning a group to educate and encourage individuals diagnosed with cancer. Her vision is to empower individuals to live well with the disease by providing community resources for education and financial help. The group will be open to the church and the community. If you would like to help with the initial planning or would like more information, you can sign up on the Information Table or contact Sharon (838-4803) or Keith.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER AT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

At our Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, March 25th, we will be privileged to welcome Mike and Rachel Weller. The Wellers are longtime mission workers in Ethiopia, home on furlough for a few months, before they return to that country. They have some remarkable stories to tell of their work in Africa and the dramatic growth of the Presbyterian Church in that part of the world. Please join us for dinner or immediately after (6:45 p.m.) for the Wellers' presentation.

Though the meal that evening is a "soup and salad" potluck, everyone in attendance is encouraged to contribute financially as though they were out to dinner at a restaurant. All our donations will be given to the Wellers in support of a specific project of their choice.

EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN

The Emmaus Soup Kitchen has requested that we make desserts for two of their meals at the end of March. To meet the need we will need to provide 350 individual servings of desserts for both March 30 and March 31. Personal donations can be made on Sunday March 29 or individuals can sign up to help bake that Sunday afternoon in the church kitchen.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Canned and dry goods are accepted every Sunday for the West Millcreek Food Pantry. The basket for your donations is located in the lobby next to the coffee table. This week the Pantry suggests spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

TALENT AUCTION SIGN-UP

Signed up yet to attend Wayside's Annual Talent Auction on Saturday, March 28? If not, now is the time! Stop by the Information Table in the lobby to sign up to make a donation to the auction or to donate a basket. Examples of auction items from previous years include a week or weekend in a vacation home, baked goods, car washes, handmade items, art work, home improvement services, tutoring, babysitting, and much more.

The Auction provides an ideal opportunity for stewardship as you commit your time and talent through your auction donation and your financial support as you purchase items at the Auction on March 28. Your stewardship will benefit others as the proceeds are divided between One Great Hour of Sharing and special projects here at Wayside. Stop by the Information Table today and sign up!

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Soup and Salad Pot Lucks... Please join us through Lent for a Soup and Salad Pot Luck Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring either a soup or a salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. No reservations necessary!

SCRIP ORDERS

Scrip Orders may be placed today at the Information Table.

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 2009

WELCOME

Welcome to Wayside Presbyterian Church. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and rejoice in the privilege God has given us to serve in this community as part of the Body of Jesus Christ. We thank our Lord for those who worship with us from time to time as visitors and invite any who are without a church home to come and join us in serving Christ as members of this church family.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Child care is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children may remain for the entire service or take advantage of child care (kindergarten and younger). Children's worship activity bags are available for children remaining in the worship service. Please return them following worship.

SERVICE NOTES

A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Thanks to those who helped today at the 11:00 a.m. service:

Ushers:	Johanna Anderson, Emma Haas, Jon Hoyt, Devin Johns, Ron Kolb, Lee McVey, Michael Monaco, Bill Pentz, Ian Ross, Matt Twinem
Worship Assistant:	Don Worthington
Sound Board:	Jim Dunn
Acolytes:	Nick Duska, Sydne Pollifrone
Greeter:	Marilyn Stern
Information Table:	Peggy Bules
Fellowship Time:	Deacons
Childcare Helpers:	Amanda Garrity, Nursery; Tracy Bowes, Preschool

Just a reminder to those scheduled to help next week at 11:00 a.m.:

Ushers:	Kevin Steehler, Rachel Bert, William Betz, Paul Carpenedo, Bobbi Jo Fye, Tyler Goodwin, Heather Kern, Maddie Westfall, Ron May, Evan Watkins, Gary Goodwin
Worship Assistant:	Peggy Bules
Acolytes:	Henry Lewis, Eliza Porter
Sound Board:	Jerry Brown
Greeter:	Annette Rothschild
Information Table:	Rob Harcourt
Fellowship Time:	Alice Duer
Childcare Helpers:	LeeAnn Warnaka, Nursery; Mary DeBello, Preschool

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

On weekdays during Lent we share email scripture reflections together. If you care to participate, read the passage the night before or in the morning of the particular day and email a couple of thoughts to Karen (karen@wayside-erie.org). She will compile them and send them out to everyone at the end of the day. The list of scripture passages is available on the devotional table in the lobby.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lent is a time for reflecting on our relationship to God through the teaching of Jesus. Guides for children, youth and adults to use at home are available in the lobby. A dollar donation is asked for most of the materials. The Cry of the Prophet by Joan Chittister is offered at \$5.00. A Monk in the Inner City by Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki is available for \$15.

WOW KIDS CLUB – we are going bowling this week at 4:00 p.m. Bring \$6 for a game and a drink. There is no choir for WOW, but there *is* *Primary Choir* at 5:30 with Mrs. Linda Pentz.

MIDDLER WAYOUTH – We are going Ice Skating from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. today. Bring around \$15 for lunch and skates. Scholarships are always available. We will NOT meet on Wednesday.

SENIOR HIGHS – met yesterday to serve at the Second Harvest Food Bank. We will not meet today. Next Sunday we will meet at 5:00 at the church for dinner and to make care packages for college students.

ADULT EDUCATION

Issues of Faith: This week Sr. Anne McCarthy will speak on “Nonviolent Resistance.”

Next week Dr. Robert VonThaden will return to speak about “Thinking with Jesus: Putting the New Testament and Qur’an in Conversation”

Family, Faith and Fellowship: this week the class will discuss The Shack by William P. Young

Next week the class will discuss “Feminism and the Church.”

Adult Bible Study: Don Worthington explores the lectionary readings for each Sunday.

WOW for ADULTS continues the series entitled “Living the Questions.” It is an excellent series with contemporary theologians who discuss openly the most difficult questions of our time.

MEDS, tomorrow night at 7:00 in the parlor, will continue their exploration of a book by Bishop John Shelby Spong, entitled, Liberating the Gospels.

WAYOUTH MISSION TRIP 2009

The Pilgrimage in Washington D.C *Dates: June 28 through July 3, 2009*

Space is limited so we are giving Senior Highs first opportunity. Forms are on the Information Table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – FIFTH GRADE

This week and the two following Sundays will feature three lessons for children about the Apostle’s Creed and the Trinity. Classrooms will rotate - watch for the Hallway Sign.